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In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS

Application No.: 09/987,248

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING  
WATER REMOVAL IN A PRESS  
NIP

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- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	90	-	68	22	x \$ 18	\$ 396.00
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Subtotal						\$ 1068.00
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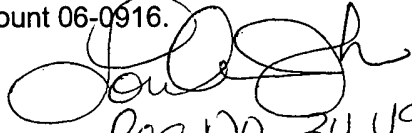
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